

HOUSE RESOLUTION 16
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brigadier General Marvin H. Massey, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee State Guard.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who in their years of military service have performed with uncommon devotion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Marvin H. Massey, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 8 years in the Tennessee State Guard; and

WHEREAS, before serving the great State of Tennessee, Brigadier General Marvin H. Massey, Jr. served over 24 years on active duty in the United States Army as a signal branch officer, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, during active duty, Brigadier General Massey served two combat tours in the Republic of South Vietnam, including an assignment to the 5th Special Forces Group, and also completed tours in the Federal Republic of Germany; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Massey graduated from the Special Forces Basic School, Pathfinder School, Airborne School, and Army Command and Staff College (distinguished); and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious active duty service, Brigadier General Massey received the following qualifications and awards: U.S. Army Parachute Badge, U.S. Army Special Forces Tab, RVN Special Forces Parachute Badge, U.S. Army Pathfinder Badge, RVN Combat Signal Badge, Republic of Laos Master Parachute Badge, Soldiers Medal (Valor), Purple Heart Medal, Air Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Overseas Medal, RVN Cross of Gallantry, U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, RVN Service Medal with 7 battle stars, RVN Campaign Medal, and U.S. Distinguished Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to service overseas, Brigadier General Massey served as active duty advisor to the Tennessee and Alabama National Guard, and he received the U. S. Army Reserve Medal, the Alabama Army National Guard Distinguished Service Medal, the Alabama Army National Guard Commendation Medal, and the Tennessee Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, during his eight-year membership in the Tennessee State Guard, Brigadier General Massey has served as an S3 Officer, Executive Officer of the 1st Infantry Brigade, Tennessee State Guard HQ G3 Officer, Tennessee State Guard Chief of Staff, and Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, after his promotion, Brigadier General Massey served as Deputy Commander of the Tennessee State Guard until November 2003, when he was appointed as the Commanding General; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the Tennessee State Guard, Brigadier General Massey has received the following awards: Tennessee State Guard Distinguished Service Ribbon (1 OLC), Tennessee State Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon, Tennessee State Guard Officer Achievement Ribbon, Tennessee State Guard Tennessee Defense Service Ribbon, and Tennessee State Guard Recruiting Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Massey's valiant leadership, vision, and perseverance have revitalized the Tennessee State Guard. Under his sterling command the Tennessee State Guard has increased its professional training standards, developed improved commissioning and promotion standards, and drastically improved operational readiness and capability; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Massey is currently the Artist-in-Residence at the Rattle and Snap plantation in Columbia, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a "soldier's soldier," Brigadier General Massey exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family, community, and country that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Massey's outstanding service evinces his great love for the principles that have made this State and nation great; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable service in the United States military and the Tennessee State Guard, Brigadier General Massey has demonstrated the utmost loyalty, ability,

and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the soldiers under his command, his fellow officers, and his superior officers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Brigadier General Marvin H. Massey, Jr. our heartfelt thanks for his life of loyal service to the Tennessee State Guard and the United States Army and wish him every happiness in retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.